



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9 July 2023 · 9:00 AM

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd
ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE

MORNING PRAYER

Hymn How wondrous and great thy works

Lyons

The Opening Sentences

The officiant begins the service with one or more of the following.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

-John 4:24

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

-Habakkuk 2:20

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The officiant continues

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise:

And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

God is the Rock of our salvation: **O come let us worship.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.
For you are a great God; you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

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Psalm 145:8-15

Exaltabo te, Deus

8. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9. The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.
10. All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
11. They make known the glory of your kingdom

- and speak of your power;
12. That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
 13. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
 14. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.
 15. The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Reader A reading from Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *Come to Me*

The Work of the People

The Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

Reader A reading from Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Hear our cry, O God.

And listen to our prayer.

Let us pray.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements from Good Shepherd

Announcements from St. John's

Thanksgiving for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other Milestones

Please use the chat feature to announce birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones to be celebrated.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people. The people respond.

Thanks be to God.

The officiant concludes with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *-2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *-Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *-Ephesians 3:20,21*

Hymn The Church's one foundation
Voluntary *Toccata in Seven*

Aurelia
John Rutter

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of the People “Reset”

The prayers for the sick have been “reset”. Those who request prayers are reminded of their responsibility to share with us “how it goes” for the persons for whom you ask us to pray. Please, pass word to the clergy or email the office.

Follow-Up for Discipleship Groups

Discernment is about finding how God is at work in the world and how we might get involved with that work. Where do I see God? What is God doing? How is God calling me to use my gifts? Who is God calling me to be? What is God calling me to do? How can we do this discernment work intentionally?

One way is to form “Discipleship Groups”. Discipleship Groups function as a kind of accountability group. Members ask one another: Which Christian practices do you need to emphasize in your life right now? Are you following through on your commitments to these practices? How can we support you in fulfilling your commitments? How can we call you back to the work you have committed yourself to do? And while discernment is singled out as one of the practices, the entire process is really shot through with those above questions.

If you are interested in being a part of a Discipleship Group at St. John's, please go to <https://forms.gle/mE4YsEnfmS7FBhWt8> for more information and fill out the form/questionnaire. You can also contact Fr. Bradley directly or just create a group. Groups commit to meeting “for a season” (a set number of meetings or period of time). And while there is a process and a framework, groups can meet in any number of ways (weekly, monthly/via Zoom or in-person, etc.) and focus their energy as will be most helpful for them.

Hopefully, this will be an ongoing part of our community’s way of being — an ongoing part of discerning where God is at work in our lives and in the world and how to join God in that work.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

St. John's Cycle of Prayer

Brien & Becky Dick, Kerrie & Ross Douglas and their children Warren, Noah, Elizabeth, & Katherine, Alyce Dressler, Stefan & Kasey Eichhorn and their daughter Ava, Sue Eichhorn

Parish Prayer List

Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Carol Helgerman, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Carolyn Speer, Douglas Campbell, Barbara Hess, Pequita Behrndt, Roy Meeks, Sue Eichhorn, Dean Hunter, Janet Huber, John Howland, Rose Marie Goonewardene, Pam Ogorzaly, Ginny Hull, Kathie Basden, Jim Bodenmiller, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Logan, and their families.

For peace in Sudan, Ukraine, and all places of conflict, for the victims of violence, and for repair, understanding, and healing across our nation and in our community.

For those who have died

For all who have died including those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden

The leaders of our Communion

Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian

The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff
Eva, Michael, & Teresa
Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

Our Ministry Partners

The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio
The Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's, New Albany

This nation and all in authority

Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and John, our mayors



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